

TOM

5th Grader, General Education Student

504 Accommodation Plan due to AD/HD

Tom is a 5th grade general education student. According to his medical records, he has a diagnosis of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD). Tom does not turn in assignments on time or follow teacher directions very well. According to his teacher, when directions are given for individual work, especially written work, he wads up or tears up his paper. When the teacher asks him why he does this, he says he doesn't want to do the work, and he shouldn't have to do it. If the teacher presses him to do it, a verbal confrontation usually occurs. At these times, Tom quickly appears "out of control" and shouts profanity. His parents describe him as having a "short fuse." Tom has friends he sees on a limited basis, but they too are aware of his volatile nature and appear "afraid of his temper" they have told the school counselor.

Tom has no history of starting fights, but somehow has gotten into numerous ones in the neighborhood his parents report. Tom has had several office referrals, after school detentions, and six out of school suspensions. He usually sits by himself in class, has a "gruff" exterior and rarely talks to other students. Students tend to giggle or turn to look at him when he is having a "discussion" with the teacher. He periodically complies with on-going directions such as "Get out your book," or "Open to page 65." He also tears up papers and swears under his breath when frustrated about assignments in class.

Tom was evaluated for special education services as a learning disabled student last year but he was found to not need the service, nor to have a learning disability. His academic achievement is commensurate with his average ability. The evaluation for 504 eligibility determined that he did have a "mental impairment, i.e., his AD/HD, and that it was "substantially affecting his learning" due to "limited alertness," resulting in difficulties completing assignments. Tom's behavior support plan was developed by his 504 team.